

What is ROAD MAP?

On February 16, 2007, new Phase I and Phase II NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permits went into effect. These permits are administered by the Washington State Department of Ecology, and apply to four classes of public agencies: Phase I communities (population >100,000), Phase II communities (population between 10,000 and 100,000), secondary permittees (select ports, flood control districts, universities, etc.), and co-permittees (operators of small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) located within or adjacent to other permittees who apply for joint coverage under the permit). The permits regulate discharges from large and medium MS4s owned and operated by the permittees.



To address requirements in the permit related to municipal operations and maintenance (O&M) activities, as well as collaboration between permittees, a regional coordination program was developed in July 2007. ROAD MAP (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) was created to serve as a forum for identifying, discussing, and developing strategies for implementing O&M-related permit requirements. Local jurisdictions were invited to participate in a series of meetings and to serve on committees dealing with various permit elements.

ROAD MAP participants began meeting in July 2007 and on-going meetings continue to occur several times a year. Participants from over 30 different cities, counties, and state agencies have attended the meetings. Committees have been developed to investigate permit requirements specific to maintenance standards, training, tracking, mapping, and illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE). Additionally, a steering committee was formed by representatives from the various types of permittees (i.e., Phase I county, Phase II county, Phase I city, Phase II large city, Phase II small city). Committee assignments are identified during group meetings and committee members are then tasked with providing the group and the steering committee with summaries of their findings.

A SharePoint Server was developed to facilitate sharing of information between group members. The SharePoint Server provides an accessible venue for documents created by group members or related to O&M permit requirements, a calendar of upcoming events pertaining to the group, contact information for group members, resources available to aid in permit implementation, and a discussion board.

ROAD MAP is operating in parallel with two other regional efforts spawned by the municipal stormwater permits; a public education and outreach program (STORM), and a permit coordinator workgroup. Communication between the groups is achieved through members common to more than one of the groups.

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